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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: US-SPANISH TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND
COOPERATION - IMPLEMENTATION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE
ARTICLES

1. THE DECISION BY THE SPANISH AIR FORCE TO BUY FOUR
F-4C AND FOUR RF4-C AIRCRAFT IN PLACE OF THE LEASE OF
F-4E'S PROVIDED FOR IN THE TREATY (ARTICLE 10,
SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT 7 AND THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF
JANUARY 24, 1976) HAS RAISED THE ISSUE OF HOW THIS SHOULD
BEST BE COMMUNICATED FORMALLY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES.

2. THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHICH DESIRES TO AVOID
SUGGESTIONS THAT THE TREATY IS NOT BEING LIVED UP TO, HAS
UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL THE POSSIBILITY
OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE SPANISH AND US
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES ON THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL (THE
UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE AMBASSADOR).
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FOREIGN MINISTRY LEGAL AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT YET CLEARED
THIS PROPOSAL.

3. THE EMBASSY HAS THUS FAR LIMITED ITS REPRESENTATIONS
HERE TO SUGGESTING NOTIFICATION BY THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT
THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, BOTH TO ESTABLISH FORMALLY
THAT THIS IS A GOS DECISION (NOT ONLY AN AIR FORCE

DECISION), AND TO AVOID ANY LATER SUGGESTION THAT THE TREATY HAD NOT BEEN FULLY IMPLEMENTED ON OUR SIDE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PARTICULARLY SINCE THE SPANISH HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION SOMETHING LESS FORMAL THAN AN EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AN INDICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS TO ANY PREFERENCES THE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE.

5. WE NOTE IN THIS RESPECT THAT SIMILAR TREATMENT MAY BE REQUIRED IN THE CASE OF THE SPANISH NAVY DECISION TO ACCEPT SUBMARINES IN LIEU OF THE MINESWEEPERS AND MINE-SWEEPER TENDER PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 8, SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT 7. THAT CASE IS LESS FAR ALONG AND IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT IN QUALITY IN THAT THE TREATY IS LESS SPECIFIC THAN IN THE F-4 CASE ABOUT THE ACTUAL PROVISION OF SPECIFIC ITEMS. EATON

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